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FORMED FROM PLASMA
TREATED POLYMER
SURFACES

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

This communication is in reply to the Advisory Action mailed on May 19, 2006. According to the Advisory Action the deadline for responding to the Advisory Action expired 5 months from the mailing date of the Final Rejection which was mailed on November 29, 2005. Therefore, with the granting of the accompanying petition for a one month extension of time, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: